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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding final action dated September 27, 2002, Applicant files this response, and amendments. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of these amendments. Applicant also requests an interview by telephone or in person, especially in view of the change in the Examiner, to avoid being examined de novo.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 1 and 21 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method of pipelining a disease-specific diagnostic algorithm to achieve a cost-effective and accurate diagnosis using only necessary tests, said method comprising the steps of: